

## HOPE FOR ALCEDO VICTIMS ABANDONED

### Probably Killed by Torpedo's Explosion.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—All hope for the safety of Lieut. John T. Melvin and the twenty enlisted men, reported missing after the torpedoing of the American patrol ship Alcedo, has been abandoned.

Secretary Daniels to-day authorized this statement:

The Navy department has received a report from Vice-Admiral Sims stating that no trace had been found of the one officer and twenty men reported missing after the sinking of the American patrol vessel Alcedo.

"Several vessels, which were searching for possible survivors have given up the search."

It is believed that most of the missing men were killed by the explosion of the torpedo.

The Alcedo, a converted yacht, was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine early Monday morning. It was the first American warship to go down since the war began. No details have been made public.

**EX-AMBUSIDE DRIVERS BACK**

**Most of 'Em Sore Because They  
Were Refused Commissions.**

Thirty young Americans who have been ambulance drivers in France arrived at an American port yesterday, most of them sore at Uncle Sam because

who had come back to America would have remained in France if they had had a chance to obtain commissions. He suggested an officers' training school should be established in France.

He said: "Ambulance drivers, no matter how heroic, without military training would not be worth much as of ficers."

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**ROCHESTER SUNK BY U-BOAT**

**Four of Crew Lost and Fourteen Others Unreported.**

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The American steamship Rochester, which gained fame by its race through the War zone after the German declaration of unrestricted submarine war last February, was torpedoed and sunk last Friday. Four sailors are known to have lost their lives and one lifeboat with the second mate and thirteen sailors is missing. The captain and twenty-two men have been rescued.

The Rochester was owned by Furness, Withy & Co., a British firm, and was in the British Admiralty service. The Rochester left New York for Bordeaux

on her first blockade running trip on February 19 in company with the American steamship Orleans. Their voyage was watched with keen interest both in America and France. The Orleans arrived at Bordeaux a week ahead of the Rochester.

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